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# AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

In re the application of:

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Application No.: 10/812,345

Examiner: Candice Stokes

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Group Art Unit: 3732

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- ☒ Amendment (7 pages).
- ☒ Petition for Extension of Period for Response.
- ☒ Terminal Disclaimer (2 pages)

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Application No. 10/812,345

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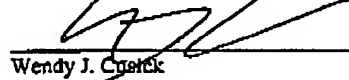
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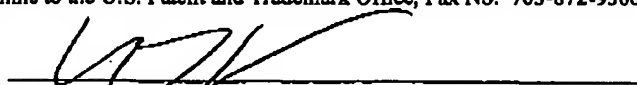
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